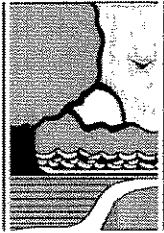


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MEMORANDUM

To: All Coal and Aggregate Producers

From: Scott Fowler, Supervisor
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Date: May 4, 2012

Subject: Reclamation Award Program

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Mines and Minerals, Land Reclamation and Mine Safety and Training Divisions have established an annual Land Reclamation Award Program. This is the twentieth-sixth year for the program.

The purpose of the program is to recognize outstanding and exemplary achievements in reclamation and is intended to promote high quality reclamation.

The award application can be found on the Office of Mines and Minerals' web page at www.dnr.state.il.us/mines/lrd/forms/lrdaward.pdf, or hard copy can be received by contacting Don Pflederer of the Land Reclamation Division at (217)782-4970 or Mike Falter of the Mine Safety and Training Division at (217)782-9976. We hope the award program creates an atmosphere which increases the exchange of information and technologies and increases public awareness of achievements made by your industry in reclamation and protection of the environment.

The Illinois award winner will also be nominated for two national reclamation awards, the National Association of State Land Reclamationists Reclamation Award and the Interstate Mining Compact Kenes C. Bowling National Mine Reclamation Award. The coal winner will also be nominated for the national OSM award.

We invite your company to participate in the program. Please submit two complete packages of your application. Our field representatives are prepared to assist you in this effort. The deadline for submittal of the application is October 1, 2012. The aggregate winner should be prepared to submit five additional copies of the application package and the coal winner, eight more copies to be submitted to the other contests mentioned above.